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Representative Daniel Lipinski
U.S. House of Representatives
1717 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Lipinski:

I write today, on behalf of the members of the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), to thank you for introducing legislation that would require the President to develop a quadrennial national manufacturing strategy.

The domestic steel industry strongly supports implementation of a national pro-manufacturing strategy and your bill takes an important step towards achieving this goal. As you know, in the current global economy, overall cost factors play a decisive role in how and where companies choose to invest and locate their facilities. As such, it is critical that the U.S. government address these cost factors and provide industry with a level playing field on which to compete globally. This means minimizing burdensome regulations and taxes, investing in transportation and energy infrastructure and promoting exports while enforcing trade laws, trade agreements and Customs rules.

Consequently, we appreciate that your bill creates a process for the U.S. government to develop a national manufacturing strategy and identifies key policy goals for such a strategy. We also support the creation of a Manufacturing Strategy Board consisting of individuals from the private sector, from a broad range of industries and regions, who are to provide the President with the needs of and opportunities for the nation's manufacturing sectors. The President will be well served in gaining advice and suggestions from industry experts who live and work in their respective fields each and every day.

U.S. manufacturing is critical to the future of our economy and security and we appreciate your efforts on behalf of manufacturing with the introduction of this important

legislation. We look forward to working with you on this bill and on future efforts to put in place policies that promote a strong, vibrant national manufacturing base.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas J. Gibson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "T" and "G".

Thomas J. Gibson